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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YOSHIHIKO HARA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: C.L. FRONDA
SERIAL NO: 09/419,611 :
FILED: OCTOBER 18, 1999 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1652
FOR: L-GLUTAMIC ACID PRODUCING BACTERIUM AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING L-GLUTAMIC ACID

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 15, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begins on page 6 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.